IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tai-He XAI et al.

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For: A NOVEL G PROTEIN-CO

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Examiner: TBA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 78, line 4, after "(5'-CAG", replace "U" with -T--

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

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